

Faversham Port Sanitary Authority.

REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR YEAR 1909.

During the year 1909 there has not been any case of infectious disease notified on board of any vessel in the Port of Faversham. No death has occurred and there has been no case of serious illness reported. There is at present no arrangement made for the reception of any case of infectious disease which may be notified in any vessel in the Port.

The total number of vessels arriving in the Port during the year was 8,716 as against 8,126 in the year 1908; an increase to a small extent; of these 20 were from foreign ports as against 14 in 1908; all these came into the Faversham Creek and were inspected; the sum total of arrivals includes the vessels using Faversham, Milton, Oare and Conyer Creeks.

The number of inspections made during the year was:—

	By Inspector	By Medical Officer
Faversham	442	41
Milton	1024	Separate Report
Oare	618	52
Conyer	111	36
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Notices have been sent to owners as regards defects in ventilation, cleanliness, etc. Special attention has been given to manure barges and to any offensive cargoes. The arrangements for storage of water have been found adequate and satisfactory.


No arrangements have been made to apply the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907; no action in this direction has been found necessary. I have no recommendation to make on this subject.

The amount of trade from foreign ports is small and does not go beyond Faversham Creek. It chiefly consists of timber ships from Baltic Ports and a few vessels from cross-Channel ports. During the early part of the year there was some anxiety on account of Plague, but that seems to be lessened at the present time.

From home ports we have cargoes of coal, granite, slate, railway material, etc., from various directions. There is a regular trade between here and London by barges. Among these are to be found the manure barges; owing to closing of brickfields this is diminished in amount. The presence of occasional cases of small pox in the London area during the last few weeks must expose us to some risk as regards this disease.

CHARLES J. EVERS, M.D.,
Medical Officer of Health.

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To the Faversham Port Sanitary Authority.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my annual report for 1909 as your Medical Officer for the Milton portion of the Port.

The type of vessel using the Creek and the nature of goods carried remain unchanged.

During the year I have periodically visited the creek and every barge using the creek has been inspected by your officials during the year. 1,024 such inspections were made.

The arrivals during the year numbered 6,762, as compared with 6,898 during the year 1908.

The sanitary condition of the vessels continues satisfactory. No foreign craft has arrived at the Creek during the year. Notices served for the remedy of minor defects, such as broken skylights and the cleansing of water tanks, were complied with at once.

There is no abnormal incidence of any disease infectious or otherwise among the bargees using the Creek. I have no suggestion to make for the benefit of the health of the bargees.

Infectious disease.—A case of Typhoid Fever occurred in July 1909, the patient being a captain of a barge. He was treated at the Sittingbourne Isolation Hospital. The infection could not be traced to the sanitary condition of the barge.

Regulations under the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907.—

No action has been taken in my area under the regulations.

I am, Yours faithfully,

T. BARRETT HEGGS.

Town Hall, Sittingbourne.

February 1st, 1910.

